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MEMORANDUM FOR: Advisor for Management

SUBJECT: CIA Recreation and Welfare Association

1. In response to your request of 10 September for our comment on the proposed Recreation and Welfare Association for the Agency, I feel obliged to express in the first instance a doubt that this Agency needs the fillip to morale that such an Association is presumed to provide. My reason for mentioning this is based upon my belief that in order for it to be successful it should be widely supported throughout the Agency, and there are grave doubts that it would be.

2. I should like also to underline the security risk which an endeavor such as this inevitably creates, even bearing in mind the I&S approval of the proposal and their intention to take special security precautions with respect to any activity pursued by the Association. I have in mind the difficulty of excluding outsiders (such as friends and families) from Agency social and recreational activities. At such functions, particularly if they were sponsored by the Association, the security guard would be down. I believe that it would be impossible to police these activities as it would be to restrict them to CIA personnel.

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